

MEMORANDUM

Special Item No. 1

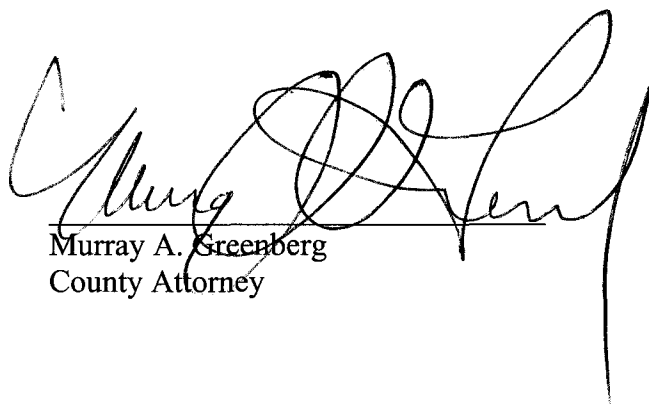
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 12, 2005

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Emergency Ordinance
extending time to receive
early payment discounts for
payment of taxes

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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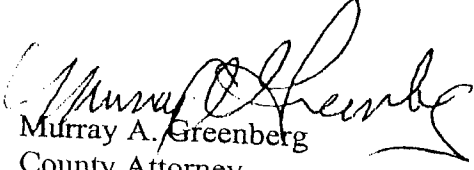


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☒ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-12-05

ORDINANCE NO. _____

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TIME TO
RECEIVE THE EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNTS FOR THE
PAYMENT OF TAXES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, AND
AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2005, the Florida Legislature enacted House Bill 15-B, 2005 Special Session B, which allows the governing body of any county that has been declared a major disaster area approved for individual assistance by the President of the United States to adopt a certain early-payment discount for the payment of taxes by emergency ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County qualifies as a county that has been declared a major disaster area approved for individual assistance by the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, enactment of this ordinance is an emergency because the last day to pay taxes under the first of the early discount periods provided by section 197.162 of Florida Statutes expires 30 days from the day the tax bills were issued, which falls on December 9, 2005,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Subject to the conditions set forth in House Bill 15-B, 2005 Special Session B, and notwithstanding section 197.162, Florida Statutes, the property tax payment made by an owner of property is eligible for an early-payment discount as follows:

- (a) Four percent for a payment made by January 31, 2006.
- (b) Three percent for a payment made by February 28, 2006.
- (c) Two percent for a payment made by March 31, 2006.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall not be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida.


Section 4. This ordinance shall not become effective until House Bill 15-B, 2005 Special Session B, becomes law.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 6. This ordinance shall expire on April 1, 2006.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:


TWL

Prepared by:

Thomas W. Logue

Sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and
Commissioner Rebeca Sosa